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BOROUGH OF MONTGOMERY.



MEDICAL OFFICER'S
ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year 1938.

GWYNNE & SON, WELSHPOOL.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

for the

BOROUGH OF MONTGOMERY

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the Borough, for the year 1938, in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular 1728 (Wales).

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area:

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3390
Registrar-General's estimate of resident population, (mid. 1938)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	826
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1938) according to Rate Books	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	252
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£3092
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£12 0s. 0d.

There are no large industries carried on in the area, the district is almost wholly agricultural. There was very little

Vital Statistics of the year:—

Births.—There were 14 children born alive during the year, giving a Birth Rate of 16.9 per 1,000 of the estimated population, compared with 15.1 for England and Wales. The Rate for 1937 was 14.3.

Deaths.—There were seven deaths registered as belonging to the Borough during the year. Three males and four females, giving a death rate of 8.4, compared with 11.6 for England and Wales. The Rate for 1937 was 29.9.

Causes of Death.—

	M.	F.	Total.
Cerebral Haemorrhage	2	0	2
Cancer	0	1	1
Pneumonia	0	1	1
Digestive System	1	0	1
Liver Disease	0	1	1
Other defined diseases	0	1	1

**GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR
THE AREA:—**

There is no whole-time Public Health Officer employed by the Council. There is a part-time Medical Officer who holds the Diploma in Public Health, and a fully qualified Sanitary Inspector. No other specialised inspectors, health visitors or special nurses are employed.

Laboratory Facilities.—No change from 1937.

Ambulance Facilities.—Two ambulances are available, one at Welshpool and one at Newtown. For removal of infectious cases to Monkmoor Isolation Hospital, the hospital sends its own ambulance.

Nursing in the Home.—There is one qualified midwife in the Borough who also does general nursing.

Hospitals.—There are no hospitals in the Borough. Cases requiring hospital treatment are sent to Newtown Infirmary or the Royal Salop Infirmary.

Treatment Centres and Clinics.—None are held in the Borough. The Tuberculosis Officer attends at Welshpool

and Newtown weekly, and orthopaedic clinics are held about once a month at these centres.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water.—Owing to an exceptionally dry spring-time there was an acute shortage of water during the summer months, but it is anticipated that this will not again occur, as the new 400,000 gallon reservoir was completed and put into service at the end of the year. A chlorinating plant and a plumbo solvency treatment plant have been installed and thus a pure and wholesome and adequate supply is assured. The reservoirs were all full during the latter months, and there is now a storage capacity of approximately 605,000 gallons. Many new water mains were laid and the whole system was simplified.

Drainage and Sewerage.—No change from 1937.

Rivers and Streams.—There are none in the area likely to be polluted.

Closet Accommodation.—During the year, modern sanitary conveniences were fitted to thirteen premises and proper connection made to the sewer; of these, eleven were conversions from the conservancy system, and two were to new houses.

Public Cleansing.—No alteration from 1937.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Report by F. Hunt, Sanitary Inspector.

The district has been inspected systematically and at intervals as occasion required, and where defects under the Housing and Public Health Acts were found, the usual

action was taken to remedy them. During the year 70 premises were inspected, and 84 visits were made for this purpose. Eight informal notices were served on account of defects under the Housing Acts or nuisances under the Public Health Acts, and the requirements of these notices were carried out. No Statutory Notices were served during the year.

Complaints received—Twelve.

Samples of water taken—One.

Premises disinfected—Four.

Shops and Offices.—There are no shops or offices in the Borough which required action to be taken under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934. The Shops and Offices are all small ones, well ventilated and have adequate sanitary accommodation.

Camping Sites.—(1) No sites in the area were used for camping during 1938.

(2) No licences for camping sites have been issued by the Council, under section 269, Public Health Act, 1936.

(3) No campers were resident in the area during the summer of 1938.

Smoke Abatement.—There are no premises in the Borough likely to cause a nuisance.

Swimming Baths and Pools.—There are none in the Borough.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.—None have ever been found in the Borough.

Schools.—There is one school, the sanitary arrangements and water supply are satisfactory.

Factory and Workshops Act, 1937.—Sixteen factories and Workshops are registered in the Borough and the conditions in these are satisfactory.

Home Office Form 572.

Premises.				Number of		
				Inspect- tions.	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted.
Factories	...	...	...	8	—	—
Workshops	...	...	...	24	—	—
Workplaces	...	...	...	—	—	—
Total				32	—	—

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply.—Dairies and cowhouses throughout the district have been inspected regularly, a good standard of cleanliness is maintained, and improvements are still being carried out. Thirty-seven cow-keepers, including six retailers of milk, are registered in the Borough. There are two producers of accredited, and one producer of T.T. milk. The County Council is responsible for sampling and testing for bacterial content and tubercle bacilli.

Meat and Other Foods.—There are two slaughter-houses in the Borough. These are regularly inspected and conditions are satisfactory. The shops are kept very clean as also the delivery vans.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

		Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed	...	129	Nil	4592	567	93
Number inspected	...	88	Nil	1420	312	56
All diseases except Tuberculosis—Whole carcase condemned	...	Nil	Nil	2	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	... ..	8	Nil	Nil	22	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	... ..	11	Nil	0.14	7	Nil
Tuberculosis Only—Whole carcases condemned	...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	... ..	5	Nil	Nil	Nil	4
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	... ..	5.68	Nil	Nil	Nil	7.14

NOTE.—All except four of the 4,592 calves were slaughtered by one butcher.

Bakehouses.—There are now only two in the Borough, one having been closed during the year. These are inspected regularly and are kept in a satisfactory condition.

Adulteration.—The County Council carries out the Regulations of the various Food and Drugs Acts.

Chemical & Bacteriological Examination of Food.—The County Council carries out all duties under this heading.

Notifiable Diseases during the year.—

Disease.	Cases Notified.	Admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	3	2	0
Pneumonia	4	0	1

Tuberculosis.—There were no deaths during the year. Three new cases were notified. These were cases of pleurisy with no lung involvement, they were referred to the Tuberculosis Officer and all were admitted to a sanatorium.

Age Periods	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
5—15	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
15—25	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
35—45.	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

HOUSING.

During the year four cottages were entirely re-constructed under the Housing (Rural Workers) Act, and the work of re-constructing six others is in progress. Two new houses were built by the Council to accommodate families displaced from insanitary dwellings. Two more new houses are still required for the re-housing of families living under overcrowded conditions, but so far a suitable site has not been found.

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year:—

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 54
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 58

- (2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under subhead (1) above), which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 ... Nil
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose Nil
- (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... 2
- (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... 11

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ... 5

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

A.—Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936—

- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs...Nil.
- (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—
- (a) By Owners ... Nil.
- (b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... Nil.

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—

- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... Nil
- (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices.

- (a) By Owners ... Nil.
 (b) By local Authority (in default of owners) ... Nil.

C. Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:—

- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition Orders were made ... Nil.
 (2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... Nil.

D. Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act 1936:—

- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... Nil.
 (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... Nil.

4.—Housing Act, 1936, Part IV.—Overcrowding:—

- (a).—(i) Number of dwelling houses overcrowded at the end of year ... 2
 (ii) Number of families dwelling therein ... 2
 (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein ... 15
 (b) Number of new cases overcrowding reported during the year ... Nil
 (c) (i) Number of new cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ... Nil
 (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases... —

I am, Sirs,

Your obedient servant,

S. J. STEWART.

June, 1939.





